

Appl. No. 09/819,194
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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-designated application. Summarizing, claims 1-12 and 19 remain unchanged, claims 13-18 have been canceled, and claims 20-29 have been added. Thus, claims 1-12 and 19-24 are presented for consideration.

The RCE brings before the examiner Amendment B, which was previously submitted, particularly claims 1-12 and 19 as presented in that amendment. Those claims contain means-plus-further limitations which have the status of structure. And nothing corresponding to those structural limitations appears in the Montgerard patent on which the examiner relied to reject claims 1-12.

Claims 13-18 have been canceled by reason of a requirement for restriction. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application containing those claims.

Claims 20-29 have been added. Each includes structural limitations to which the Montgerard patent fails to respond. For example, independent claim 20 calls for a washer containing a solution that removes grease from the bearing races and rolling elements. No washer or solution appears in the Montgerard patent. Then there are the spare races and rolling elements contained in the enclosure that forms part of the repair facility, all as further required by the claim. Nowhere do they appear in the Montgerard

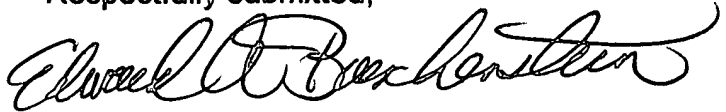
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patent. Dependent claims 21-29 include even more structure, such as grinders and presses, to which the Montgerard patent does not respond.

A check in the sum of \$804 is submitted herewith to cover the government fee for the RCE (\$750) and the fee for 3 claims in excess of 20 (\$54).

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of the application with 23 claims – namely claims 1-12 and 19-29 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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